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**Soviet Force in Cuba
Seen Unknown to CIA**

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Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee said yesterday that "not even the CIA" knows how many Russian troops are left in Cuba.

He made the statement after the Committee's intelligence subcommittee met for more than three hours with Central Intelligence Director John A. McCone. Russell declined to comment on the substance of the secret testimony.

Asked about the current status of the reported withdrawal of Russian troops, Russell replied: "Nobody actually knows how many Soviet troops are there, not even the CIA, and you can quote me on that."

McCone apparently gave the subcommittee a round-the-world intelligence briefing with emphasis on Cuba, Viet Nam and other danger points.

"This is the most sensitive area in the world. We discussed matters in there that I don't even like to think about," Russell said.

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